# RIVER RUN: UNITY EDITION

Young River People's Council





## **COLOR RUN PROJECT**

At UNITY the Young River Peoples Council had the opportunity to address certain issues in our community. Our members decided to address the issue of Health Wellness. As a youth council we brainstormed ideas and came up with having a Color Run. We are currently working towards creating an event along with a 1 mile and 5K running/walking course. We hope the event will encourage participants from youth to elders to get active. We want to have booths that promote a healthy lifestyle. It was an honor to be chosen to present our idea during the general assembly.

-Isiah Wateuma

## **FIRST TIME AT UNITY**

My first time at Mid-Year UNITY was an eventful time as I spent it with my youth council. I met new friends along the way. The activities and workshops we went to was a learning experience as I learned new things about other youth councils from different states and how they overcome their challenges. Overall Mid-Year was a memorable moment and I look forward to attending the Annual Conference in Washington D.C. this summer.

-Casey Wood



## **Culture Night**

As part of UNITY's annual traditions, the conference hosts a Culture Night, a time for councils to share and experience each others dances and songs. Our council danced and sang with our sister tribe youth councils, AK-Chin, Gila River, and T.O. I always love dancing to the socials and hearing our people sing. I also enjoyed the round dance that the UNITY organization hosted. It was a great night.

-Nalani Lopez



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#### SINGING WITH SISTER TRIBES

Singing with the sister tribes is always an honor. We were glad the Tohono O'odham Nation Youth Council made it, as their Tribe is going though a lot with their boarder. Culture night was really fun. YRPC danced during all the socials. The sister tribes did a giveaway dance to end the night.

-Damien Escovedo



## MISS UNITY MOCK PAGEANT

Running for miss UNITY was a fun experience. I introduced myself and had to answer a couple questions. It was fun watching all the other ladies do their talents and meeting them Even though I was super nervous, I had a blast.

-Erica Schurz

